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FROM DR. McCOSH.

Ex-President of Princeton College.

PRINCETON, N.J.,

July 16, 1889.

We had the privilege, some years ago, of having Professor Edward J. Hamilton conduct our classes of Logic and Ethics in Princeton College. On his leaving us I gave him a very high certificate. If it has been preserved I give him leave to use it as he sees fit. I believe it helped him to get the position which he now holds, the duties of which he has discharged with ability and success. In that certificate I spoke of his book on philosophy, which is accurate, full and comprehensive. He treats of philosophical themes in a way which is fitted to instruct young men and enlarge their minds. He has written other and smaller works which are acute and well-reasoned.

He has the power of expressing himself to his pupils clearly and convincingly. Altogether he is a teacher to whom young men may be committed, to teach them safely and wisely. In everything he will show them a high example.

JAMES McCOSH.

II.

FROM THE REV. PRINCIPAL CAVEN, D.D.,

Knox College, Toronto.

KNOX COLLEGE,

TORONTO, ONT., July 19, 1889.

The Rev. Dr. Hamilton is regarded by all who are acquainted with him as a sound and able thinker. He has taught Mental Science with much success in several colleges in the United States. Dr. Hamilton is the author of elaborate and valuable treatises on the "Human Mind" and "Mental Science." These works establish his title to be classed with the leading metaphysical writers of the Continent.

In estimating his qualifications to direct the mental development of young men, Dr. Hamilton's high moral and religious character should be taken into account. His doctrines and personal influence would be equally favourable to all that is good.

WM. CAVEN.

III.

FROM THE REV. W. D. WILSON, D.D., LL.D.,

Professor Emeritus of Mental Science and Ethics in Cornell University; Author of works on Logic, Psychology, etc., etc.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., July 19, 1889.

THE HON. GEORGE W. ROSS, *Minister of Education, etc.*—

MY DEAR SIR,—I understand that Professor Edward J. Hamilton is a candidate for the Professorship of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy in the College at Toronto.

I have known Dr. Hamilton for several years, both as a professor and teacher in the department of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, and as an author of one or two very useful books in that department.

As a man he is gentlemanly and quite prepossessing. As an author and teacher he is instructive and conservative; agreeing with such men as the late Presidents Porter of Yale, and McCosh of Princeton.

I have no doubt he will be eminently successful and popular.

W. D. WILSON.

IV.

FROM THE REV. DR. DEEMS,

President of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy.

4 WINTHROP PLACE,

NEW YORK, July 16, 1889.

THE HON. G. W. ROSS, *Minister of Education*, Toronto:—

SIR,—Learning that Prof. Hamilton is to be among those from whom is to be selected the person who is to fill the Chair of Metaphysics and Logic made vacant by the death of Prof. Young, I beg leave to add my testimonial to the many in his favour which, I doubt not, will be presented.

As President of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, and as one of the Council of the University of New York, I have had opportunity to learn something of the Professor's capabilities. He was satisfactory as a teacher of Metaphysics before I enjoyed the pleasure of his personal acquaintance. His services have been greatly appreciated by the Institute of Philosophy, and I have had occasion to know that he has been much *more than ordinarily* successful in training young men in Philosophy.

When it became necessary to appoint a Vice-Chancellor in our University, we spent a winter at the work of selection. When narrowed to two gentlemen, Professor Hamilton was one. The chancellorship being united with the professorship, Dr. MacCracken's experience in the executive work in a Pennsylvania University gave him the preference. I mention these private matters because I think it is due to you and to Dr. Hamilton that you should know the high esteem in which he is held as a *teacher* in his department.

I trust that I shall be able to congratulate Toronto on securing Professor Hamilton.

With very great regard,

Most obediently yours,

CHARLES F. DEEMS.

V.

FROM THE REV. SAMUEL M. HAMILTON, D.D.,

Member of the Council of the University of New York ; Gold Medallist of Queen's University in Logic and Metaphysics, and Senior Scholar in Metaphysics and Economical Science of Queen's College, Belfast, Ireland.

62 WEST 11TH STREET,

NEW YORK, July 18, 1889.

I have heard that Professor E. J. Hamilton is a candidate for the Chair of Metaphysics and Logic in Toronto University, and, as I have had good opportunities of knowing him and his work, I wish to bear my testimony to his qualifications as a teacher of Philosophy.

Some years ago I was a member of a committee appointed by the Council of the University of the City of New York, to secure some one to fill its Chair of Philosophy, then vacant. There was a very large number of applicants, whose claims and merits were thoroughly examined.

We first chose four names out of all before us, to present to the Council, and one of these was Professor Hamilton's. Afterwards we selected two names out of the four, and again one of them was Professor Hamilton's. And, though he did not receive the appointment—owing to the fact that the occupant of the Chair in question was expected also to perform the duties of Vice-Chancellor, and one was chosen who had had some years' experience as President of an institution in the west—yet the Committee were unanimously of opinion that no better teacher of Philosophy than Dr. Hamilton could be found.

During that time—and since then—I have read some of Professor Hamilton's writings, and I have been struck both by his profound knowledge of Metaphysics and Logic, and by his wonderfully clear and felicitous method of setting forth his views. His books are admirable as text-books.

The enquiries made by the Committee, already mentioned, brought out the fact that Professor Hamilton has a rare faculty for interesting his students and attaching them to him, and that good order was always maintained in his class-room.

S. M. HAMILTON,

Pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, New York, and Chairman of the Board of Visitors of the New York University.

[Dr. John Hall—the Chancellor—was the chairman of the Committee mentioned in Dr. S. M. Hamilton's testimonial.]

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FROM HENRY DARLING, D.D., LL.D.,

President of Hamilton College, and lately Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

HAMILTON COLLEGE,
CLINTON, N.Y., July 4, 1889.

TO the REV. EDWARD J. HAMILTON, D.D., *Albert Barnes Professor of Intellectual Philosophy :*

MY DEAR DOCTOR,—Your letter of yesterday informing me of your purpose to become a candidate for the Chair of Metaphysics and Logic in the University College, Toronto, Canada, has given me very great anxiety.

You have for six years filled the Albert Barnes Professorship of Intellectual Philosophy in the institution over which I am called to preside, with so much honour both to yourself and us, that we are exceedingly unwilling to think of the possibility of your leaving us and going elsewhere.

The study of Mental Science has been with you a life work, and your contributions to the literature of that subject have given you a high place among modern thinkers.

In your Treatise on Logic, which I suppose will soon be published, we anticipate a valuable addition to that science, and an increase of your reputation as a keen and astute metaphysician.

As a Christian gentleman, as well as scholar, it gives me pleasure to testify to your urbanity and kindness. You have also been to me an exceedingly helpful associate in the conduct of the college.

With sincere respect,

Yours truly,

HENRY DARLING,

President of Hamilton College.

VII.

FROM EDWARD NORTH, L.H.D., LL.D.

Professor of Greek, and the Senior Professor in Hamilton College.

HAMILTON COLLEGE, CLINTON,
ONEIDA Co., N.Y., July 31, 1889.

TO the HONOURABLE GEORGE W. ROSS,

DEAR SIR,—For six years I have been associated with the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Hamilton in the Faculty of Hamilton College, and I have found him an agreeable, helpful companion.

While he is an enthusiast in the studies of his own department, he fully recognizes the value of other studies, and heartily co-operates with his colleagues in working the complicated machinery of undergraduate instruction and government.

As a preacher Dr. Hamilton has been frequently heard in our College Chapel, and in neighbouring pulpits, and his sermons are well-fitted to aid the young in the building up of sound religious character.

As a college professor he is exemplary in his industry, his courtesy, his sympathy with the young, and in his habit of doing with fidelity, enthusiasm and thoroughness, whatever duty he undertakes.

EDWARD NORTH.

VIII.

FROM HON. THEODORE W. DWIGHT, LL.D.,

Senior Professor and Warden of the Columbia College Law School, New York.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL,

41 EAST 49TH ST., NEW YORK,

July 19, 1889.

THE HON. GEORGE W. ROSS, *Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario* :—

DEAR SIR,—I have learned that the Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D.D., now Albert Barnes Professor of Intellectual Philosophy, etc., in Hamilton College, U.S.A., is a candidate for the Chair of Metaphysics and Logic in the University at Toronto, made vacant by the death of Professor Young.

I have had some opportunity to become acquainted with Dr. Hamilton's ability and reputation as a metaphysician and logician, both from the fact that I am one of the trustees of Hamilton College and from my occupation as Warden of the Law School of Columbia College in the City of New York.

It affords me sincere pleasure to give you my impressions of his fitness for the place to which I have referred. He is a very clear and logical thinker, and possesses a thorough knowledge of his subject, as well as an intimate acquaintance

with the views of the leading writers upon it. At the same time he is independent in his modes of thought and style of treatment. He is a man of originality as well as of careful and accurate research. His style of composition is clear and attractive. He possesses, in a high degree, a mastery of that power of exposition which is of prime importance in dealing with students.

I am fortified in what I have written by the concurring opinion of men of the highest standing in the treatment of metaphysical topics, from whom testimonials will no doubt be supplied to you.

As might be expected, Dr. Hamilton has published works of sterling merit, and has those of a kindred nature in preparation.

In manners and feeling he is gentlemanly and honourable, and certain to live in harmony with associates, as well as to gain the affections of earnest students while he secures their high respect by his ability, fidelity and good-will.

Should he be chosen to fill the Chair for which he is now a candidate, I believe that he will not only be a useful professor, but will, if his life be spared, shed lustre upon the University.

With high respect,

Yours very truly,

THEODORE W. DWIGHT.

IX.

FROM PROFESSOR JOSHUA B. GARRITT AND PROFESSOR F. L. MORSE.

HANOVER COLLEGE,

HANOVER, IND., July 12, 1889.

To the REV. EDWARD J. HAMILTON, D.D., *Hamilton College, New York* :—

DEAR DR. HAMILTON,—More than eight years have passed since we were associated together as colleagues in the faculty of Hanover College.

During that time various changes have occurred, so that we, who now address you, are the only ones of your old associates who are still here.

Hearing that your name is spoken of for a yet higher position than that you have already attained, we write to wish you God-speed, and to give you a testimonial of our abiding respect and fraternal regard.

We remember you as a genial, kind-hearted, honourable gentleman; as a devoted and able instructor in your chosen department; and as a most independent, determined and industrious philosopher. We look back with great pleasure to the time during which we were associated together, and regard it as an honour to our College—your Alma Mater—that your able work, “The Human Mind,” was begun and completed during your residence in Hanover. We have watched your course since leaving us with great interest; we have rejoiced in your success, and we confidently expect for you, in the time to come, an increasingly useful and successful career.

We are, dear Dr. Hamilton,

Yours most fraternally,

JOSHUA B. GARRITT,

Professor of Greek in Hanover College.

F. L. MORSE,

Professor of Mathematics in Hanover College.

X.

FROM THE REV. JOSEPH F. TUTTLE, D.D., LL.D.,

President of Wabash College, Indiana.

WABASH COLLEGE,

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., July 20, 1889.

To the HON. GEO. W. ROSS, *Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario* :—

DEAR SIR,—I write this letter in the interest of the Rev. Professor Edward J. Hamilton, D.D., for several years a distinguished professor of Metaphysics and Logic in Hanover College, in the State of Indiana, and in Hamilton College, in the State of New York.

He has proved himself a learned scholar in his special line of study, as also in the related sciences. Not only has he proved himself a learned scholar, but also an able instructor of young men.

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His great purity of character and his gentlemanliness of manners have greatly endeared him to his associates in the faculty of instruction and to his students.

I have carefully read the commendations which my distinguished friend, President Patton, of Princeton University, New Jersey, has written in behalf of Doctor Hamilton, and fully adopt them as my own. I am sure others will speak words in his praise not less emphatic.

After years of acquaintance, Wabash College bestowed on him the degree of D.D., and, as I think, never bestowed it more worthily.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH F. TUTTLE.

XI.

FROM THE REV. SYLVESTER F. SCOVEL, D.D., LL.D.,
President of Wooster University,

WOOSTER, OHIO, July 13, 1889.

TO the HON. GEORGE W. ROSS, *Minister of Education of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario :*

DEAR SIR,—It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to certify to the philosophical culture and ability of my former class-mate and life-long friend, the Rev. Prof. Edward J. Hamilton, now connected with Hamilton College.

His studies began phenomenally early, and were pursued during a youth and young manhood of most singular purity and elevation. Concentrating upon his chosen department he has made himself a master in it, both in the disciplined thinking and in the wide reading that involves.

As a teacher he is enthusiastic and awakening. As an author he has given proof of the solidity of his acquirements. I trust that his candidacy may result successfully.

Sincerely yours,

SYLVESTER F. SCOVEL.

XII.

FROM THE REV. ALFRED H. MOMENT, D.D.,

*Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York, and
Valedictorian of the class of 1872, in Hanover College, Indiana.*

To the HON. GEORGE W. ROSS, *Minister of Education, Ontario :*

SIR,—Having heard that the Rev. Edward John Hamilton, D.D., Professor of Mental Philosophy in Hamilton College, New York, is about to become a candidate for the chair of Logic and Metaphysics in Toronto University, I desire to speak of him as a former teacher of mine in the above subjects, and to bear my testimony to his great ability as a philosopher, and his high qualifications as a teacher of young men in the mental and moral sciences.

It was in September, 1870, that I first became acquainted with Dr. Hamilton. As a student I had entered Hanover College, Indiana, where he was a member of the Faculty, and the leading professor. I found all the best students of the College enthusiastic in their philosophical studies, and every one speaking of Professor Hamilton's department as the chief feature of the institution. I soon myself became an earnest student of philosophy—inspired to it by the teacher.

For two years I sat with growing interest and profit under Professor's Hamilton's instruction in Logic, Metaphysics and Moral Science. Excepting, perhaps, Professor Charles Hodge, of Princeton Theological Seminary, I did not have, during my entire course for the Gospel ministry, a teacher in any department, who at all times was so fully furnished with his subject; so clear in his lectures, and lucid in unfolding abstruse points; so general in his scholarship as to all departments of College work; and also so kind and gentle in his spirit towards those under his care, and acceptable to young men both as a professor and a Christian gentleman, as the Rev. Dr. Hamilton.

In giving this commendation, I also express the opinion of a large number of college graduates, and educated gentlemen in all the professions and in commercial occupations in various parts of the United States, who have at times been under Dr. Hamilton as a teacher of the Mental and Moral Sciences during the past twenty years or more.

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In the prime of life, having the experience of a protracted and successful career as a professor in metaphysical subjects, and being the author of a great work on "The Human Mind," the Rev. Dr. Hamilton would bring to the chair of Logic and Metaphysics in Toronto University the elements that would ensure the highest possible success.

Truly yours,

ALFRED H. MOMENT, D.D.

[Dr. Moment was formerly a citizen of Orono, Ontario, where his relatives yet reside, and when a young man, and before his going to Hanover College, was a high school teacher in Canada.]

XIII.

FROM REV. WM. COCHRANE, D.D.

BRANTFORD, July 26, 1889.

HON. G. W. ROSS, *Minister of Education, Toronto:*

MY DEAR SIR,—I understand that the Rev. E. J. Hamilton, D.D., is a candidate for the Chair of Logic and Metaphysics in the University of Toronto, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Professor Young. I have had the best opportunities of knowing Dr. Hamilton from his student days to the present, having seen him often during my art course, and afterwards in Princeton, where we both studied under Dr. Hodge. He then gave promise of exceptional attainments in intellectual philosophy and cognate subjects, and his subsequent career has amply fulfilled the sanguine expectations of his friends. His published works, which have been commended in the brightest terms by the most eminent scholars of the day, are a pledge of his thorough grasp of all questions appertaining to the human mind, while his success as a teacher has been amply proved in the different colleges where he has occupied such a department. Eminently sound and safe, while having thorough sympathy with all that is true in this age of scholarship, I believe he would occupy the Chair now vacant in Toronto with satisfaction to all concerned, and as fully as any one can be expected, follow in the footsteps of him who stood unrivalled in this department of scholarship in our age and country.

Yours very truly,

WM. COCHRANE.

XIV.

FROM THE REV. JOSEPH T. DURYEA, D.D., LL.D.,
*Lately Pastor of the Central Congregational Church in Boston, Mass.,
and Lecturer on Philosophy in Wellesley College; now Pastor of the
Central Congregational Church in Omaha.*

2402 CASS STREET,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, July 22, 1889.

To the HON. GEORGE W. ROSS:—

DEAR SIR,—I have known the Rev. Edward J. Hamilton, D.D., since he was a student at Princeton, New Jersey. He has made the best use of an unusually energetic mind, and by his patient application he has risen to the highest rank as a teacher of Philosophy. If any student of Psychology will simply read his chapters on Perception—the “pons asinorum” of the science—he will perceive that he is following as acute an analysis as has ever been made of this complex operation of the human mind.

His character has always gained for him the reverential and affectionate regard of his associates and friends.

His work as a teacher will be described by his companions of the Faculty of Hamilton College, where he has been at the head of his department for some years.

I have studied his examination papers from year to year, and have considered his course to be one of the few very best in this country.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH T. DURYEA.

XV.

FROM THE REV. WM. C. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.,
*President of Lake Forest University, and Moderator at the present time
of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*

LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS,
July 29, 1889.

It affords me much pleasure to state that Professor Hamilton was a class-mate of mine in Princeton College. He was then a painstaking and accurate scholar. His mind was of the metaphysical and discriminating type. He led all who knew him to expect much from him in the future. We have not been disappointed. His valuable works on “Mental Science” show a grasp of thought and an originality that place him high among writers on the human mind.

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His success as Professor in the West, and afterwards in the East, has proved his ability to impart what he knows, and to handle students in the class-room. His character as a Christian minister and a gentleman is of the most honourable sort.

WM. C. ROBERTS.

Testimonials are also placed before the Hon. the Minister of Education from, among others :

JOHN MCCONNELL, M.D., University of Toronto, Toronto.

JAMES H. COYNE, M.A., University of Toronto, St. Thomas.

M. S. MERCER, B.A., University of Toronto, Toronto.

XVI.

FROM THE REV. J. G. MANLEY,

Permanent Agent of the Bible Society, Toronto.

DEER PARK, ONT.,

July 31, 1889.

MY DEAR SIR,—I hear you are a candidate for the vacant chair of Logic and Metaphysics in the Toronto University. From my acquaintance with your writings and antecedents, I can have no doubt of your aptitude, and both on your own account and your much honoured father's, I hope you will succeed, and so renew in Canada the British prestige of the name you bear, as well as maintain the reputation which the vacated chair has deservedly won.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours most truly,

J. G. MANLEY.

XVII.

SOME OPINIONS CONCERNING DR. HAMILTON'S WORKS.

"He is thoroughly in earnest, and has bestowed long and anxious thought on the subjects treated of, and which are always treated of in a clear, independent, and original way."
—JAMES MCCOSH, D.D., LL.D., *ex-President of the College of New Jersey, at Princeton.*

"Dr. Hamilton belongs to the school of intuitional psychology. He has, however, wrought independently, and has

thought through for himself the great problems with which he deals. His style, I may also add, is admirably clear."—F. L. PATTON, D.D., LL.D., *now President of Princeton College*.

"I find in it the ripe thought and expression, with the thoroughness and vigour of treatment which can come only from the long study and elaboration of one who is at home in dealing with questions pertaining to the human intellect."—LYMAN H. ATWATER, D.D., LL.D., *late Professor of Logic, Ethics and Politics in Princeton College*.

"It is written with clearness and modesty, and shows the fruits of much meditation upon the subject."—FRANCIS BOWEN, LL.D., *Prof. of Moral Philosophy in Harvard University*.

"It is the product of conscientious and careful study, is remarkably well arranged and clearly written, and is well adapted for class instruction."—W. G. T. SHEDD, D.D., LL.D., *Prof. of Systematic Theology in the Union Theological Seminary, New York*.

"I have read many of his discussions with great interest, and have scarcely been able to lay the book down since I first opened it."—B. N. MARTIN, D.D., *late Prof. of Mental and Moral Philosophy in the University of New York*.

"This book ('The Human Mind') belongs to the same class with the works of Porter and McCosh, and, in my judgment, it compares favourably with them."—W. D. WILSON, LL.D., *late Prof. of Mental and Moral Philosophy in Cornell University*.

"Dr. Hamilton's book impresses me as being the work of an independent thinker, who has given conscientious study to his subject and made it inviting by a mode of treatment both lucid and earnest."—W. A. FOSTER, Q.C., LL.B., *Toronto University*.

"... Dr. Hamilton's treatment has the merit of being thoroughly systematic and intelligible, qualities of the highest importance in a department of thought which has been given over very largely to pure logomachy. It has the further and greater merit of being largely historical, the opinions of former writers being stated not merely clearly, but fairly. Where the author differs from others on many important points, it is satisfactory to find him willing and competent to do justice to those whose opinions he is controverting. . . . Dr. Hamilton's treatise will be found most useful in the field of psychology proper, his classification and explanation of mental phenomena having a high pedagogical, no less than philosophical value."—TORONTO GLOBE, *Dec. 11, 1885*.

"It is impossible to glance through this work without being impressed with its conscientiousness, as well as with its simple and luminous exposition of the doctrines of the author."—REV. J. CLARK MURRAY, LL.D., *McGill College, Montreal*.

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